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straight flight at any speed up to V_{MO}/M_{MO} , except stall buffeting, which is allowable.

(c) For airplanes with M_D greater than $M 0.6$ or a maximum operating altitude greater than 25,000 feet, the positive maneuvering load factors at which the onset of perceptible buffeting occurs must be determined with the airplane in the cruise configuration for the ranges of airspeed or Mach number, weight, and altitude for which the airplane is to be certificated. The envelopes of load factor, speed, altitude, and weight must provide a sufficient range of speeds and load factors for normal operations. Probable inadvertent excursions beyond the boundaries of the buffet onset envelopes may not result in unsafe conditions.

§ 23.253 High speed characteristics.

If a maximum operating speed V_{MO}/M_{MO} is established under § 23.1505(c), the following speed increase and recovery characteristics must be met:

(a) Operating conditions and characteristics likely to cause inadvertent speed increases (including upsets in pitch and roll) must be simulated with the airplane trimmed at any likely speed up to V_{MO}/M_{MO} . These conditions and characteristics include gust upsets, inadvertent control movements, low stick force gradients in relation to control friction, passenger movement, leveling off from climb, and descent from Mach to airspeed limit altitude.

(b) Allowing for pilot reaction time after occurrence of the effective inherent or artificial speed warning specified in § 23.1303, it must be shown that the airplane can be recovered to a normal attitude and its speed reduced to V_{MO}/M_{MO} , without—

(1) Exceeding V_D/M_D , the maximum speed shown under § 23.251, or the structural limitations; or

(2) Buffeting that would impair the pilot's ability to read the instruments or to control the airplane for recovery.

(c) There may be no control reversal about any axis at any speed up to the maximum speed shown under § 23.251. Any reversal of elevator control force or tendency of the airplane to pitch, roll, or yaw must be mild and readily controllable, using normal piloting techniques.

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(1) Exceptional piloting strength or skill;

(2) Exceeding V_D/M_D , or V_{DF}/M_{DF} for turbojets, the maximum speed shown under § 23.251, or the structural limitations; and

(3) Buffeting that would impair the pilot's ability to read the instruments or to control the airplane for recovery.

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(d) *Maximum speed for stability characteristics*, V_{FC}/M_{FC} . V_{FC}/M_{FC} may not be less than a speed midway between V_{MO}/M_{MO} and V_{DF}/M_{DF} except that, for altitudes where Mach number is the limiting factor, M_{FC} need not exceed the Mach number at which effective speed warning occurs.

Subpart C—Structure

GENERAL

§ 23.255 Out of trim characteristics.

For airplanes with an M_D greater than $M 0.6$ and that incorporate a trimmable horizontal stabilizer, the following requirements for out-of-trim characteristics apply:

(a) From an initial condition with the airplane trimmed at cruise speeds up to V_{MO}/M_{MO} , the airplane must have satisfactory maneuvering stability and controllability with the degree of out-of-trim in both the airplane nose-up and nose-down directions, which results from the greater of the following:

(1) A three-second movement of the longitudinal trim system at its normal rate for the particular flight condition with no aerodynamic load (or an equivalent degree of trim for airplanes that do not have a power-operated trim system), except as limited by stops in the trim system, including those required by § 23.655(b) for adjustable stabilizers; or

(2) The maximum mistrim that can be sustained by the autopilot while maintaining level flight in the high speed cruising condition.